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## LITERARY SOCIETIES

### ARE HARD HIT BY LACK OF INTEREST

Both Phoenix and Philomathean Attendances Fall off Considerably — An Appeal to the Student Body to Take Interest

Once more the fellows who are anxious to keep the literary societies going, plead with the students to come out and support the work of their two college institutions who have held their own and done wonderful work for a number of years.

During this whole term the work has lagged behind, the programs seem dull, simply because the fellows will not come out and do not show very much interest in the work. There is no just reason why the literary societies cannot be as lively and interesting as athletics. Some of the fellows run around here lecturing to Freshmen about College spirit and when it comes to real college spirit they show just about as much as you would find in "a two cent bar of soap." Real college spirit supports all of the student activities. We realize immediately that it requires literary minds to appreciate the real value of literary societies and perhaps that is the reason our societies have fallen off as they have. But there are literary minds in William and Mary and we members who are trying to keep the traditions of the dear old Phoenix and Philomathean alive beg you fellows to come out and help us in this work. The societies are only what the students make them. The societies belong to you and they rely on you for their support. We are not after the "new man god, the dollar." We want your ideas, your discussions, your opposition in debates. In other words, we want your support which you are capable of giving. And any student who does not give his support to something that is more important to the masses than athletics: namely, literary work, is not doing himself justice; he is not giving to the world, what the world expects of him as a college man. He is not supporting his dear alma mater as a good Indian. Slacker, is a disgraceful word when applied to stamp a man a day. You do not want to be stamped as a slacker by your govern-

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## INDIAN BASEBALL CANDIDATES AT WORK

### Captain Love Only Letter Man to Return—First Base and Battery Positions Bothering Coach Peachy—Ten Men to the Relieved of Military Duty

For several days Coach Peachy has been limbering up his some twentyfive candidates for the William and Mary baseball team. Work of only a mild nature was indulged in last week, but this week Coach expects to put them through the regular season's grind. The battery candidates began tossing them across last Friday and by the middle of this week the pitchers should be able to shoot them over at a lively rate in batting practice. While as yet, the men have not been able to display their ability, a number of new men are on hand to be developed and it is the consensus of opinion that from the new material and substitutes Coach Peachy will be able to formulate a good team, considering war conditions and the fact that there is only one letter man back.

The most serious proposition to be solved this spring are the battery and first base positions. As yet there are only two men out for the pitching position. The failure of Frank Garnett to return to College leaves a vacancy hard to fill on the pitching staff. Garnett was by far the most brilliant slab artist to step into the box of an Eastern Virginia Association Club in the past few years. The two candidates out to fill Garnett's shoes are Settle and Joiner—the former is a new man, while the latter is a last year's substitute. The receiving position seems as yet to be between three men Zehmer, R. J. Johnson and Murphy. There is little to choose between them and their sticking ability will decide the matter.

At first base Fitchett, Tally and Hillard seem to have the edge on the other aspirants, but some other men may develop later. The absence of Murry will be greatly felt at this position. Captain Love will again play the keystone position, and W. W. Johnson, who played in a number of games last year will probably be his running mate at short stop. Fentress, who also played in several games last season

will without doubt play the hot corner. Other new men, who are showing up well at these places are James at short stop, and Motley at third.

In the outfield we find three men, who seem to show the earmarks of fast gardeners and seem to have the edge on the other candidates. These men are Brooks, Garrett and Parrish—all substitutes of last years team. Lee, of last years William and Mary Academy team is also showing form and will give someone a run for a birth. Coach Peachy has secured excuses for ten men from military

### DR. WILSON SPEAKS

Last Thursday morning at the regular weekly Chapel Services, Dr. Wilson gave one of the most interesting and one of the most patriotic talks that has been heard at Chapel hour sometime. In the beginning, he made a brief explanatory talk concerning the Summer School at Dublin. Then he took as his subject "March 14th and What it Means to Us." Beginning with Christ's entrance into Jerusalem on that date, he briefly related the great historical events that center around and on March 14th.

Next came Henry of Navarre, who established the principle of Religious Toleration on this day in 1590. In 1794 Eli Whitney made the day still more memorable when he invented the Cotton Gin. This little machine so revolutionized industry that this country increased its trade by thousands of dollars. On this day in 1820, Victor Emmanuel, King of Piedmont, lit the spark that was to spread into the first constitutional government of Europe. Then as a climax to this short but eventful day, Prussia in 1848 had a chance to take her place among the countries of the world as a true constitutional and liberal government. With merely a fanciful king to decide the "flip of the coin"

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## WITH THE Y. M. C. A.

### W. & M. SENDS MORE REPRESENTATIVES

Rev. William Byrd Lee and John Garland Pollard are the Next of William and Mary Men to Follow the Army of Lifesavers to France

Some several weeks ago two more graduates and distinguished alumni of this College enscribed their names on the honored list of men and women, who are now engaged in the work of saving human lives and souls. Among the very latest to give their time and labor to this great work are the William Byrd Lee of Hanover, Va., and the Hon. John Garland Pollard, of Ginter Park, Richmond, Va.

The Rev. William Byrd Lee, of Hanover, Va., is an Episcopalian clergyman and was president of the Y. M. C. A. in Virginia. He was graduated from William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., 1912, and is an athlete. In 1916, Mr. Lee assisted in the coaching of the varsity football team under the system of alumni coaching established here some years ago.

John Garland Pollard, of Ginter Park, Richmond, Va., was attorney general of Virginia, and has been democratic candidate for governor, director of the Old Dominion Trust Co., and of the Central National Bank, member of the Virginia Constitutional Committee, 1901-1902, chairman of the Virginia Committee on Uniform State Laws, democratic presidential elector, 1904, mayor of Ginter Park, editor of the Virginia Code, 1904, and president of the Children's Home Society of Virginia. He is a graduate of Richmond College, 1891, and of William and Mary College, Williamsburg. He has the degree of LL.B.

### CARY FIELD REPAIRED

Carpenters were busy last week in repairing the southern side of the fence on Cary Field. Aeolus came, and the fence was put "hors de combat" flat on the ground. It was indeed fortunate that the mishap occurred before the baseball season arrived, because now the whole field—fence and grandstand, are in excellent condition.

The grass has been cut, and the baseball diamond raked and rolled. The faint glimmer of a light that tells of and announces another Championship for old Cary Field which has "oft" been the scene of so many renowned victories.



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### A CRITICISM

It was with great interest that I read the recent editorial in the "Flat Hat," on "The Social Problem in the South." After reading it, I felt that the writer looked at it from a point of view in direct opposition to my own. Evidently it was that of one who had lived with the negro all his life and was viewed from the inside, so for this reason I venture a point of view from the outside, and I feel that both will be valuable in a just consideration of the so called problem.

I will admit that the South has a problem on its hands, and if education is to be the cure-all for this local disease, it seems that we need a dose of it for some very serious symptoms in ourselves.

As seen from the outside, the black will never be a real and lasting problem. He is, and always has been a harmless, docile, obedient and useful member of the community in which he lives. He has his faults, but he is not one to demand the much talked of social equality. Social equality is foreign to his nature and he is content to play his allotted part in the scheme of things. If he has a problem, he will solve it; not by intellect, but by a very old process of nature. He is in a climate that he will never become accustomed to. From the most reliable statistics I can gather, thirty per cent have lung diseases of one kind or another, and almost an equal per cent have even more insidious diseases. The outcome is evident. There is no great problem here.

The problem is not the black, but the half black; that individual that couples the bad qualities of both races and in the result we find an

individual with these tendencies plus ambition, intellect and bodily resistance; here is where the problem lies. Here is where we need to take a dose of our educational cure all. The presence of such an individual is a sure sign of a deep rooted disease, one which both white and black sow the seed, and even as we sow, so must we reap. Let us educate the beam out of our own eyes ere we try to educate it out of the eye of the negro.

The South has a problem to the extent of which she makes it. Let us remember that it has been said of old time, that the sins of the fathers will be visited on their children even to four generations. Let us not be guilty when a little of our own educational medicine will do us as much good as it will the negro.

### A CONTRIBUTION

To the Students of William and Mary College:

Are you students worthy to have such an Alma Mater? Have you red blood in your veins as your forefathers had? If so, are you willing to stand around with your arms folded and without making any visible demonstrations whatsoever, to show your own disapproval of such laws that are being made by its present controllers? Laws, that to a great extent deprive you of your personal liberty—that liberty which others before you have enjoyed. Are you willing to allow the Faculty to withdraw from their contract? I do not hesitate in saying that I believe, if you mend your past actions and give the Faculty good reasons to believe that you are doing so in good faith—that is, cease this outrageous "cutting" of lectures. I repeat that I believe that they will be glad to restore that liberty which they have unlawfully broken, in order to restore to you that desire and "habit" of attending lectures. Furthermore, I believe that the Faculty were in a body against such a "prep" school rule as this, and passed such only as a temporary rule. It is now up to you, the Students of William and Mary, to keep the peace of your contract with the College, and to keep it open to freedom loving students in the future. Be it resolved: "that we, the students of William and Mary will stand together for the sole purpose of expunging this obnoxious rule from the face of a William and Mary catalogue." Remember, that famous saying of Benjamin Franklin: "If you don't hang together, you will hang separately." A Student.

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

The unsettled condition of the country, especially in the colleges of the country, under the head of athletics, made it an exceedingly difficult undertaking to arrange a satisfactory schedule for the varsity baseball team this year. Mr. Robinson has arranged the following schedule, which is open to changes at any time.

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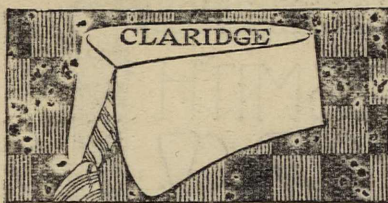
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## BASEBALL

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Mar. 22—Naval Team, at home.  
Mar. 30—Virginia Medical College  
at home.

April 1—University of Virginia,  
away.

April 2—Stanton M. A., away.

April 3—Camp Lee, Away.

April 6—U. S. S. Utah, at home.

April 10—Roanoke College, at  
home.

April 11—Roanoke College, at  
home.

April 13—Petersmouth Grays, at  
home.

April 17—Richmond Col. (champ.),  
at home.

Apr. 20—Randolph-Macon (champ)  
away.

Apr. 27—Hampden-Sidney (champ)  
away.

May 4—Randolph-Macon (champ),  
at home.

May 8—Richmond Col. (champ),  
away.

May 11—Hampden-Sidney (champ),  
at home.

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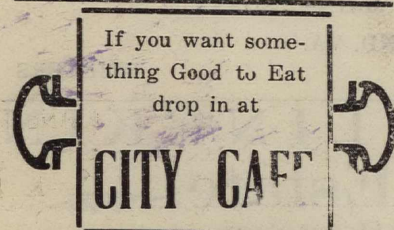
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ment. The college is a part of the government. Then don't be stamped a slacker in your College. A few men can't possibly run the societies to an advantage.

Will we turn our societies over to the girls or will we let the girls organize their own? It is up to you fellows. What you will not do, then in that you are a slacker. Don't think because girls are coming here, that we must lose spirit. Dig the harder and show the girls that this is a man's college where men work like men and not as babies or grammar school 'hotten-tots.' This is the challenge to you fellows and we earnestly beg you to come to the literary society meetings and help us to thrash out problems that are confronting us every day. The officers and critics and executive committees are trying their best to make the programs interesting, and we want you to help. Shall we close our doors for the lack of energy and spirit? We teach, we entertain, and we instruct in our societies. Will you not come out and help to reap the harvest that has been sown for you?

DR. WILSON

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as it was, Prussia became the stronghold of autocracy,

From these history making events the speaker turned to our own Hillsville Tragedy, the result of which Virginia's State Law was made supreme. Then with touching, weighty and well chosen words and phrases Dr. Wilson very forcibly brought out the crux of his whole talk—"what are we doing on this day of March 14th to make democracy strong? The man who is not trying to do his best in whatever phase of work that he is engaged in, is a slacker. Now is democracy's supreme test—are we endeavoring to make that test successful?" Students, heed the call and ask yourselves, if the term slacker can be applied to you.

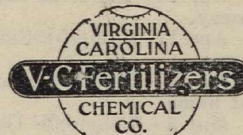
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